

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/658,534

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed on July 11, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on July 11, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 18-33 are allowed.**

Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 18 and 33 are allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not teach or render obvious the combination set forth, including that the hollow pivot or axle is mounted on a cylindrical seat at the support member so as to support the rolling wheels and to allow the latch to slide.

Rollwande (DE 3,248,498) discloses the combination of a latch with a section door for closing the section door at a desire location.

The section door includes a number of horizontally elongated elements (1 and 2); hinges mutually connecting the elements, and side guide bars (7) for sliding engagement of the section door with one of the side guide bars having an opening.

The side guide bar (7) has a vertical branch, an upper horizontal branch, and a curved connection branch joining together the vertical and horizontal branches.

The latch (5) is located sideways, displaceable between an inactive position and an active position, and intended for engaging, in its active position, in the opening (Figure 1) provided in one of the side guide bars (7).

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The latch (5) is located coaxially with one of the small wheels (6) intended to slide within the side guide bars (7) of the section door.

Boyles (US 3,163,033) teaches that it is well known in the art to have more than one roller (3) that turns about horizontal pivots or axles.

However, Rollwande, as modified by Boyles, fails to disclose that the hollow pivot or axle is mounted on a cylindrical seat at the support member so as to support the rolling wheels and to allow the latch to slide. Rollwande discloses that the hollow pivot or axle is mounted on the rolling wheel and the latch slides within.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Lugo whose telephone number 571-272-7058. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-5771.

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September 23, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian E. Glessner", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

BRIAN E. GLESSNER
PRIMARY EXAMINER